

January 9, 2002

Judge Kollar Kotelly
Antitrust Division
U.S. Department of Justice
601 D Street, NW, Suite 1200
Washington, DC 20530
Attention: Renata Hesse

Dear Judge Kotelly:

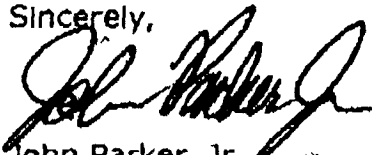
After years in the courtroom and millions of dollars of taxpayer money spent, the Department of Justice has reached a proposed settlement with Microsoft. I am aware that you are considering the merits of this settlement and that the law allows for comments from the general public on this matter. I am grateful for this opportunity to participate in this way.

When news of this settlement was first announced I was very pleased to know this case seemed to be drawing to a close. While I have never seen the merit of the government's case in this matter, my greatest concern was the clear lack of regard for the financial impact this case would have on our national economy.

Since this case started over \$30 million dollars of taxpayer money has been spent pursuing this boondoggle. This is unacceptable at a time when states like mine are facing real budget constraints and the federal government should be placing its resources in areas that truly protect the interests of Americans.

At this time of economic recession and heightened budget concerns this proposed settlement is the best solution. I am hopeful you will agree to support this proposed settlement.

Sincerely,



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